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Newschannel Five hitched a ride into the town of Pittsfield, where storm damage destroyed homes and left people turning to each other for help.

Congressman Peter Welch and a convoy visited the town Friday, on roads that are only open to emergency vehicles and trucks carrying aid.

Inside the town, school was being held on the town green for children who can't get to their schools. There was also a garage full of donated supplies for people who needed them.

The damage in the town is immense, with many homes destroyed by floodwaters and roads washed out completely.

"We've got two handicapped people (at home). ... They're trying to get a road to us," resident Joe Rivers said.

Rivers said people had walked in water and supplies to his landlocked home in the days after the storm, checking on him and his wife, who has a heart condition, every few hours.

There are also many in the town who are still looking for help, though. Resident Brian Halligan was living in a camper outside his home, which had been pulled away by the river.

Halligan begged Welch for help, saying that he had been denied by his insurance company and didn't know what to do next.

The town will likely get aid from FEMA, but right now money is only being used for emergency needs. It will be some time before money will flow in for people like Halligan to rebuild.